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HOME OF THE WARRIORS

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BASKETBALL WARRIORS MAKE HOME DEBUT WEDNESDAY

The Loyola College varsity basketball Warriors will be seeking their 17th straight Ottawa-St. Lawrence League victory when they open their home season tomorrow evening against Sir George at 8:00 p.m.

A turn-away crowd is expected for the game. The ticket office opens at 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning and tickets will sell on a first come, first serve basis. One thousand seats are available and the gym can accommodate another 500 standees.

The Warriors went through their 14 game OSL schedule without a loss last year and appear headed for another unbeaten season, especially after their convincing triumphs (96-57 against Sherbrooke and 98-61 over Bishop's) on the weekend.

The Warriors, with an average height of 6'3", are probably the tallest team in the six-team league.

"We're a bit above the average height for our league," says coach Doug Daigneault, but Sir George has the height to match us. Also Whitacre always gets his team up for us and we will have to be at our best to come out on top."

Ken Hoffman, a 6'4" centre from Albany, N.Y., appears to be Loyola's best new find. Hoffman, a freshman centre, scored 16 against Bishop's Saturday. Among other newcomers on the team are guards Tom Profenno and David Burke.

With returning stars like Earl Lewis, Gene Lawrence, Peter Phipps, Jim Ivy and Jack Contos, the Warriors appear to have the making of another championship team.

Sophomores John McAuliffe and Peter Phipps have been named the team's co-captains.

Loyola will not be at full strength for their arch rivals tomorrow evening with John Bova another top new prospect and Jack Contos on the limp. Trainer Ed Nowalkoski reports that both injuries are serious and will keep the two stars out until Christmas time.